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MARKINGS AT MOUNDVILLE

Elsewhere in this issue is a story about Darlene Veltri '76, warden of a federal prison with 1,500 inmates. (Still more about her appears on the magazine's website.) Veltri earned a master's degree in West Virginia and did research at a prison there.

A West Virginia prison also figured prominently in the recent past of retired IUP history professor Jack Larner and alumnus Michael Rydeski. The pair spent seven sweaty days last summer, stooping, stretching, and crawling through cramped, damp, long-abandoned prison cells to inventory and reproduce various types of art.

The site was the West Virginia Penitentiary at Moundville, closed since 1995 (nearly a decade after the state's Supreme Court ruled that incarceration in the five-by-seven-foot cells—housing up to three prisoners each—constituted cruel and unusual punishment). Built with convict labor in the mid-nineteenth century, the ten-acre, fortress-like structure once held nearly three thousand prisoners. Today, it's a popular tourist destination that draws more than twenty thousand visitors a year, many of them especially interested in its paranormal aspects.

Larner and his wife, Bernadine ("She has a fascination with jails"), visited last June. "The writings and drawings on the cell walls captivated us both," he said. "We only got to see about forty cells on the tour, and I wanted to see the rest."

Larner, who lives in Altoona, enlisted Rydeski, a Pittsburgher with IUP bachelor's and master's degrees in history. With a grant from the West Virginia Humanities Council and financial support from the Moundville Economic Development Council, which manages the prison site, they set about inventorying seven hundred cells and photographing everything they found there.

Without electricity and with precious little daylight, Larner and



"THE MARKINGS ARE THE WORKS OF FELONS; A FACT THAT IS NOT FORGOTTEN AND ONE FOR WHICH NO EXCUSES ARE MADE"

artwork there, too, including an image looking down on the head of Christ."

Empty and still though the prison was, there was an eerie sense of clamor. "You always had a feeling a lot of people had been there before," Larner said. "You tried to imagine how overwhelming the noise level must have been."

On the cover of the project's booklet is an image of freedom—a bird, photographed through the steel webbing of a bunk bed.

"The dichotomy is overwhelming," Larner said. "It's what you think the whole time you're in there. You wonder, what could these people have been, had they taken different roads?"



By Karen Gresh

Rydeski relied on a high-powered flashlight, laptop computer, and digital camera. They were given free run of the huge facility—and a walkie-talkie radio.

"My biggest fear was getting lost," Rydeski said. "We'd have been lifers."

They found and recorded art, writing, and interior décor, most of it created on a background of government-issue, 1950s-era, turquoise wall enamel. They called what they found "markings," a term they believe implies territoriality.

In the introduction to a booklet on the subject, they write "The markings are the works of felons; a fact that is not forgotten and one for which no excuses are made....That being so, what felons have to say to themselves on the cell walls at Moundville leads us to a new dimension of human understanding, if we want it!"

About a quarter-mile away from the rest of the prison population, the North Hall housed what Rydeski characterized as "the really bad people. They were felons compounded."

"In that part," Larner said, "the cell walls tended toward subjects of violence and racism, but there was some of the best



Becoming Ebony

~Did I come all the way
Mama would sigh. I

at the window, watch
yellow leaves—Now,

er

All the Flame

PATRICIA JABBEH WESLEY doubts that anyone ever wrote a poem immediately after winning a lottery. “But when people are going through deep trouble and they’re very distraught, they’ll go in their room in a quiet place and they express their deep emotion on a piece of paper,” she said.

Wesley speaks from experience. Much of her poetry expressing her emotions was forged in the deep trouble of Liberia’s civil war. The fourteen-year conflict has wasted her homeland and devastated her family, friends, and neighbors.

“I have seen my poetry heal me. Writing heals,” she said.

Wesley is continuing her recuperation at IUP, where she joined the faculty last fall and this spring is teaching poetry and creative writing.

Wesley grew up in Monrovia, Liberia’s capital, but also experienced village life while attending boarding school at age eleven. She came to America in 1983, earned a master’s in English Education at Indiana University at Bloomington, and returned to Liberia in 1985.

“Before the war, Liberia was the pacific place to be in Africa because of stability of government and strong ties to America,” she said. “I grew up not rich, but not really needy.”

“The economy began to fall after the mid-’80s as the Samuel Doe government had problems managing the country,” she said. “By 1989, we knew the war was just a matter of time. The country

was at the brink of a breakdown because of all the anger and the rivalry between

government people and politicians.”

Her family heard of massacres elsewhere in the country. “Fighting began to engulf county after county,” she said. The fighting killed some of her neighbors.

On July 2, 1990, the rebels entered Monrovia’s suburbs, and her family realized they would have to flee their home.

“The war will come and pass, and we will get a president and we will go back to our regular lives—that’s what we thought,”

she said. “When the rockets were falling in my backyard and my house was shaking, that was the time we knew that everything we had was going to be blown up.”

One of the most disturbing images to come out of Liberia’s civil war was the widespread use of children as soldiers.

“A kid held me at gunpoint,” Wesley said. “A nine-year-old kid!”

Another child-soldier pulled her mother aside in a refugee camp and threatened to shoot her because he thought she was speaking the language of the enemy group. Patricia intervened and convinced him that her mother was speaking Grebo—an ethnic tongue of the people in southeastern Liberia.

The children were recruited by former president Charles Taylor’s forces, “and given drugs,” Wesley said.

“I saw daily...kids in a camp, carrying their weapons and arresting people and killing people,” she said.

...Mothers dragged their young along Duport Road
looking for a decent burial ground.
There is no burial ground anymore.
In their shallow graves the corpses
dance Liberia’s cradles empty...
(from “War Children”)

BY RANDY WELLS

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BY MARILYN KUKULA

PHOTOGRAPH BY BOB REGER

"Paratrooper
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my life..."



Sergeant Anthony Seybold and the other American soldiers on duty at the U.S. military installation in Vilseck, Germany, searched for hidden bombs, weapons, or contraband, knowing lives were at stake if a terrorist managed to get through their security check.

Seybold was far from the oak-tree-lined sidewalks of the IUP campus, where he had been working toward a bachelor's degree in history when he was called to active duty through the Pennsylvania National Guard. While it may seem he sacrificed almost a year of his education when he served overseas from June, 2002, to February, 2003, he doesn't see it that way.

"It's part of the job," he said. "That's the duty of being a soldier in the U.S. Army. If another deployment came up tomorrow, I'd be prepared to go."

He's not the only student at IUP who stands ready to serve. Approximately two hundred Pennsylvania Army National Guard soldiers, like Seybold, are students at IUP. Additional students are members of other reserve components. There are also thirty-nine cadets in the Advance Course of ROTC. These are juniors or seniors who have made a commitment to serve as second lieutenants in the active Army, Army National Guard, or U.S. Army Reserve following graduation.

Lt. Col. Matthew Stanton, professor of Military Science at IUP, said it is gratifying to see the level of support the university administration, faculty, and staff give to those students who are soldiers in the local reserve component units and who are mobilized to support military contingency operations throughout the world.

"The impact is particularly strong here in the IUP ROTC Battalion," he said. "We have cadets who deployed last year and are now coming back in the battalion after a year with their assigned units overseas. They bring with them some fantastic lessons learned and experiences that will make them even better leaders upon commissioning."

In early December, yet another group of cadets at IUP was preparing for deployment to Iraq.

Seybold's guard unit, C-Company, 1st Battalion, 103rd Armor, is based in Seybold's hometown of Friedens, near Somerset. When

not called to active duty, the unit trains one weekend each month and two weeks during the summer.

Seybold, who received specialized training as a gunner on the M1-A1 Abrams Tank, also went to U.S. Army Airborne School and underwent paratrooper training. "That was one of the most exciting things I've done in my life," he said.

In Germany, Seybold's National Guard unit was responsible for security at the U.S. base and in surrounding areas. Because he and his fellow guardsmen took on this duty, the soldiers normally stationed there were able to receive special training in preparation for deployment to the Middle East.

Although he missed being home for



Thanksgiving and Christmas while overseas, Seybold, who likes to play ice hockey, stayed up to date on his favorite team, the Penguins, through news from his father.

After sixteen straight days on duty, Seybold would have four days off, which he used to travel as much as he could. He saw scenery

that, a few generations ago, his German ancestors may have seen. As an IUP history major and the son, grandson, and great-grandson of veterans, he was especially moved to see Omaha Beach, where many soldiers died on D-Day during World War II. The cemetery there, which he said seemed many times larger than Arlington cemetery, was on the hill above the beach. The soldiers who lost their lives trying to get up that hill, he said, are now buried at the top of it.

"Thousands of people died there," he said. "I was speechless."

While in Germany, he and his friends in the guard unit used off-duty time to tour historic German castles and to visit Paris, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Czech Republic.

While his deployment did not take him to the front lines of the war, he was and is prepared to go wherever he's needed and takes his responsibilities as a gunner very seriously. After graduating from high school in 2000 and receiving military training, he started at IUP in January, 2001. That year, he received the honor of 1st Place Battalion Soldier of the Year and then moved up to the brigade competition, where he was named 2nd Place Brigade Soldier of the Year.

On September 11, 2001, the news of the terrorist attacks and the crash of Flight 93 only a few miles from his home further fueled his determination to serve his country. In 2002, he was presented with the Battalion "Outstanding Enlisted Person" award. Along with his other training, he volunteered to take combat lifesaver training, which taught him basic battlefield first aid.

At IUP, where the initial ROTC classes are open to all students (with or without further military commitments), about three hundred students are in the Military Science Program. About 40 percent of them are women.

When Seybold joined the National Guard, it was mostly to pay for a college education. Since joining, his outlook has changed dramatically. While his college education means a great deal to him, so does his duty as an American soldier. He plans to serve in either the National Guard or active-duty Army for years to come.

"You gain so much maturity and discipline," he said. "That's one of the reasons why we have the greatest army in the world." 🐻

opportunities of a Lifetime

Experience can be the best way to learn, which is why IUP seeks support for its Student Opportunities Fund.

According to Shari Trinkley '81, director of IUP's Planned Giving Operation, IUP recently received three gifts in support of study abroad opportunities. Donors included Yvonne Galli Trettel '54 and John Trettel '55 of Erie, Patrick and Anna-Hughes Carone M'89 of Indiana, and Joseph Laposata '60 and Anita Sabo Laposata '61 of Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Joseph Laposata '60 is a retired Army general who spent two years as chief of staff of NATO's Allied Forces Southern Europe Command in Italy and later served in a diplomatic post as deputy director of logistics, programs, and operations in Luxembourg. He and his wife, Anita, have established a fund that supports student travel and study in Spain, Portugal, and Italy.

"While I have an ancestral affection for these nations, they are among the United States's staunchest allies. There is a new Europe emerging, and these countries will be instrumental in its development. There are opportunities for IUP students in all fields of study to develop linguistic skills and focus on learning the attitudes, values, and traditions of Italy, Spain, and Portugal," Joseph Laposata said. "When the vitality of American thought and ability to manage change is coupled with the tradition and long-term perspectives found in these countries, frequently positive outcomes occur."

"While the period of study abroad will be



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limited, the student will come away knowing that there is a difference in European thought, life goals, quality of life, societal norms, and culture when compared to the United States. A sensitivity to these issues, coupled with a confidence in speaking the host country language and feeling socially comfortable, will establish a foundation for further personal development," he said.

While the Laposatas have an obvious and strong belief in the value of international experience, they also remember their years in Indiana, Pa., to be enjoyable, as well as enriching.

"IUP was the perfect place for us to mature personally, intellectually, and socially. The academic and administrative personalities who were resident during our stay at IUP assisted, demanded, and watched over our preparation to become contributing citizens. They have our utmost respect and

admiration," said Joseph Laposata.

"IUP was an important part of our personal and professional growth. After graduation, we found ourselves better prepared to begin our life's work than many of our peers who had attended other colleges. This was not something unique to Anita and me. Many of our IUP friends have had the same experience. Consequently, 'payback' is an issue. IUP has had a positive effect on our lives, and we are hopeful that this investment, given in a spirit of gratitude, will assist the university to continue its good work with those who follow us."

The Trettels established a scholarship fund that supports international travel for students. Trinkley said they have discovered the joy of overseas travel during their retirement years and wish to pass it along to students to experience at a younger age.

Likewise, the Carones' gift also supports

international study. Retired from the Political Science Department and as IUP's foreign student advisor and director of the International Affairs Office, Pat, along with Anna-Hughes, has established a fund that provides scholarships to students who participate in study-abroad programs.

"Education frequently extends beyond the classroom. The Student Opportunity Fund provides that out-of-the-classroom enrichment in the form of field trips, internships, global exchanges, and study abroad programs," said Trinkley. "It also supports the Freshman-Year Experience program, career and academic mentoring programs, and visiting performers and program speakers. Support for this fund helps ensure that a range of experiences enhance traditional academic work, puts students in touch with real-world jobs and situations, and gives them the opportunity to engage in other cultures." 🐾

Presidency Again in Transition



After five months as IUP president, Derek J. Hodgson announced his resignation in January, citing personal reasons. Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Chancellor Judy G. Hample appointed retired Clarion University of Pennsylvania President Diane L. Reinhard as Hodgson's interim successor. A national search has the goal of a new president in place by the beginning of the Fall, 2004, semester.

Reinhard served more than twelve years as Clarion's president. Before that, she was dean of the College of Human Resources and Education at West Virginia University and served ten months as WVU's acting president. She holds a doctoral degree from Ohio State University and bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin—Milwaukee.

In a State System news release, Chancellor Hample said, "Dr. Reinhard provided outstanding leadership to Clarion University during her tenure as president. I am confident she will provide that same type of leadership to IUP and will work well with the university's Council of Trustees, faculty, staff, and students to keep this proud institution moving forward."



Rick Peltz at the control panel at the Transrapid Maglev Test Facility in Emsland, Germany

Moving Mountains

/ By Bruce Dries

From dreams of maglev dancing in his head to leading the development of the Appalachian Mountain region, Richard Peltz has a list of occupations centered on helping communities thrive.

The co-chair of the Appalachian Regional Commission, which was a Presidential appointment, Peltz, a 1978 graduate of one of IUP's political science programs, works with the governors of the thirteen states that compose the commission (including Pennsylvania) to spark the region's economic development, including telecommunications, transportation, basic infrastructure, education, health, and entrepreneurship, all while caring for the region's rich environmental resources.

"We're an agency that looks at the most basic of human needs," Peltz said. "If you don't have these things in place, how in the world can you attract new investment into the area?"

Peltz notes how the Appalachian region has improved since the 1960s. Per-capita income has increased, the poverty rate has been cut in half, and the high school graduation rate, once at half the national average, is now even with that average. Self-help programs in Virginia have brought in water and sewer lines at a 60 percent savings by having the residents do the work themselves. In Ohio, the Appalachian Center for Higher Education used a relatively small amount of money, in the thousands of dollars, to result in double-digit increases in the college-going rate of high schools.

"With the small amount of money and what we've been able to do, the list goes on and on," said Peltz. "It's a great feeling."

Peltz was lured to lead the commission from a position at Pennsylvania's Department of Transportation, where he served as sec-

tary for local and area transportation.

Responsible for all areas of state transportation, Peltz was also the governor's lead on magnetic levitation initiatives and led a mission to examine the maglev system in Germany. This resulted in PennDOT's ongoing research into an urban maglev system. He was also behind the current development of a high-speed rail system in the Keystone Corridor from Harrisburg to Philadelphia, and eventually on to New York City.

"About four years ago, we instituted the largest demonstration of sensing devices on one hundred Pittsburgh Port Authority buses. It's a driver augmentation system to warn if a car is too close, if they might be sideswiped, or if someone is about to walk into the bus," said Peltz, who lives in Mechanicsburg, Pa. "Believe it or not, that happens."

For more information and pictures of Peltz, including his days fighting wildfires in California, visit *IUP Magazine* on line at www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag.

A BOLD APPROACH TO CAMPUS LIVING

Life on the IUP campus could well be revitalized within the next decade or so, based on preliminary plans presented in December to the university's Council of Trustees. The plans call for ten of fifteen residence halls to be torn down and replaced. The other five would be renovated.

What appears a revolution is really a reaction to twenty-first-century circumstances. According to IUP officials, many of today's students are unaccustomed to sharing bedrooms or even bathrooms with family members, let alone with dozens of strangers. "Many *apartments* today have more than one bathroom" was one comment.

Making accommodations more attractive to students will mean that more will choose to live on campus in the freshman year and beyond. This will result, officials say, in a better overall experience. While a number of other colleges and universities are constructing housing facilities in fringe areas of their campuses, IUP will locate brand-new residence halls in the heart of its campus.

Tentative plans call for Wahr Hall to be demolished in 2005 and replaced by a larger structure the following year. The others to be replaced, one each year through 2016, are Langham, Elkin, McCarthy, Mack, Stewart, Turnbull, Scranton, Shafer, and Lawrence. About 2,400 students currently live in these facilities.

The remaining university-owned facilities—Whitmyre, Esch, and Wallace halls and Campus and University towers, which together house about 1,200 students—will be renovated.

One Woman's Biscotti

Pittsburgher Maria Bevilacqua '82 has excelled in several fields, including photography and home renovation, but her current vocation is by far the tastiest. "Maria's Biscotti" is made from Old Country recipes passed down from her maternal grandfather, who emigrated from Italy in the thirties. But, it's also very twenty-first century, in that it's sold on Amazon.com.

Maria's Biscotti is a subsidiary of Sorella Sorella, a gourmet foods company founded by Bevilacqua and her sister and based in Carnegie. The company's full product line is described at www.mariاسبiscotti.com.

Release from Stereotypes

/ By Bruce Dries

A stereotype of prisons is that they act as revolving doors. Inmates serve their time, are released, and end up being imprisoned again.

Darlene Veltri wants to break that stereotype, diverting career criminals from the wrong path to a better one.

Veltri, one of a few female wardens in the Federal Bureau of Prisons, works to make sure the Federal Correctional Institute in Greenville, Ill., is safe, humane, secure, and run efficiently. She also wants to be sure the inmates for whom she is responsible make positive changes in their lives before their release back into the community.

It all began for Veltri, a 1976 graduate of IUP's special education program, after she earned her master's degree at West Virginia University and was offered a doctoral fellowship in exchange for helping with a research grant at the federal prison in Morgantown, W.Va. Her initial assignment was teaching the lowest-level inmates how to read.

"I enjoyed making a difference in someone's life, especially when I could see the results," she said. "For some inmates with long sentences, the objective was just to help them with survival skills right there at the institution, such as being able to read their commissary list and write a letter home, or being able to read the signs in the institution.

Others would be helped in making plans to transition back into the community."

There were very few special education teachers in the Federal Bureau of Prisons back in the late '70s. Veltri soon realized that she could be a trailblazer. "For some of the inmates, public schools had failed," she said. "To be the first person to be able to teach them to read is a very rewarding experience."

"We're now focusing more on the inmate's reentry into society," Veltri said. "We've provided good programs to help them self-improve. But once they leave us and go to the halfway house and then on to their supervised release, it can be a hard transition for the inmates."

Throughout Veltri's career with the prisons bureau, she has had the opportunity to try different jobs. She was surprised at the number of opportunities for growth and career development, even for those who had never studied criminology.

"It's good for people in education, like public school teachers, to realize that there are exciting careers in places other than public schools," she said. "There is a real need for strong educators in the federal prisons and prisons in general. It's a unique position. It's not right for every-

one. But it gives you an opportunity to make a difference in inmates' lives and really do something for the community and



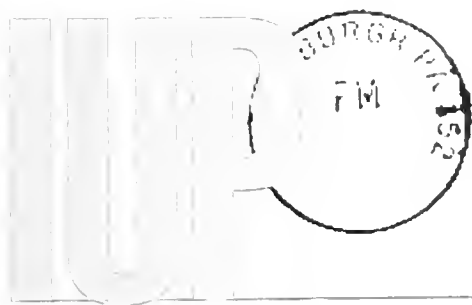
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the public."

The facility Veltri manages has more than 1,500 inmates. It is a medium-security facility with 1,300 men and a minimum-security satellite camp with 235 female inmates. Over them is a staff of almost three hundred. She manages a \$26-million budget.

Being one of the few women in a traditionally male setting was not necessarily a disadvantage. She noted that when she started, the inmates had the tendency to think she could be easily manipulated and conned. Some of the men would misinterpret her professional caring, and it took a while for her to get used

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Rugby Winners

Please convey my congratulations to the ladies rugby team.

I have never been prouder of anything that the university has done than I was for the heroic and self-sacrificing aid offered by the young women to the victims of the multiple vehicular accident that occurred on the Pennsylvania Turnpike as described in your magazine article. Certainly, academics and sports have honored the university on numerous occasions, but the character shown by these students speaks very well for both the university and the young people who attend school there.

*Carl Eirich '66
Sharon, Pa.*

Tradition of Kindness

The courageous, articulate, and loving acts of kindness offered by our team in the immediate aftermath of the massive wreck on the Turnpike is a source of pride for all of us. Nothing said here is intended to diminish this, but rather to expand upon it by offering some context.

I only worked at IUP eleven years, but the kindness of students there enriched every day. It is a permeating but largely unspoken quality of IUP, a really defining essence. The first IUP graduate I ever met was Tom Anthony, a chemistry teacher who was my colleague at a Texas high school. His students were fond of him because he treated them with respect, concern, dignity, and kindness. Although I was raised in Pittsburgh and had richly enjoyed my high school teachers who were IUP graduates, I knew very little about IUP itself.

Eventually I would discover its wonderfully special secrets.

After much wandering, I ended up on the IUP faculty and soon learned that its graduates are fine people because that's how they are as students. Not surprising! In my second IUP semester, students served as pallbearers for my beloved Aunt Pauline. At the wake, they performed short reenactments of some of their student teaching lessons, offering merciful diversion by both enlightening and entertaining us. My World War II-veteran cousin said: "Jackie, I'm not worried about the future of our country when I see young teachers like these!" Was I ever IUP-proud!

On the evening of that April 19th, the day of the bombing in Oklahoma City, my students defended Turkish IUP students who were accosted by some local "rough trade" and accused of complicity in the bombing. In what was intended to be a verbal defense, one of my kids wound up with a broken shoulder. His companions found me to tell what had happened. I phoned a dear friend and president of the Oklahoma Council for the Social Studies to offer our thoughts and tell her that the ugliness was afflicting us far away in Indiana, Pa. Through tears, Dena said, "Jack, give that dear young man a great big hug from all of us!" And I did—after his shoulder mended, of course. IUP-proud again!

The students wrote short notes to Oklahoma teachers, partly to console, mostly to offer their love and support as they worked with their students to

help them cope with the horrid immensity of what had happened. I was later invited to an annual meeting of the OCCS and was introduced this way: "This is Jack. He's the man with all those kind students at that university in Pennsylvania with the funny name." Great IUP pride!

Watching my student teachers show care and kindness toward their students (without "giving away the store," so to speak)—especially their willingness to give little inconspicuous boosts to kids who needed this most—constantly enhanced my respect and love for them and for IUP. In retirement, "my IUP kids" stay in touch and even invite me to co-teach with them. They are so good to their students, and their students admire them deeply and dearly. How proud I am of them and of IUP!

Certainly a bold, organized, and kind response to the crisis of the moment, the gracious good deeds of our team on the Turnpike also derive from this IUP tradition of kindness—and they did a splendid job of exemplifying it. Proud again—big-time proud of IUP! Through them we once again see that, while intellectual prowess is essential, true greatness requires civility, kindness, and honesty informing each of these. The students and graduates of "that university in Pennsylvania with the funny name" seem to be doing a good job on all counts.

*John W. (Jack) Larner, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus, History
Altoona, Pa.*

P.S. Let's keep our "funny name"!

Proud of Indiana

It is with great pride that I write this letter to say how pleased I am that my granddaughter, Julia Schreck, is a freshman at IUP. Her late grandfather, Harry Mitchell, Class of 1942 and I, Class of 1945, are graduates.

My late sister-in-law, Virginia

Mitchell Schrader, played in the University Symphony and was very active in music circles in the town of Indiana. Virginia's two daughters, Marjorie Schrader Vatter '56 and Carolyn Schrader Vaughn '58, M'73, are graduates, as were sisters-in-law Helen Jones Mitchell '36 and the late Julia Mitchell Stewart '36. So Julia follows in many family footsteps.

Recently I had lunch with a 1945 friend, Laura Mae Lush King. We hadn't seen each other for fifty-eight years and had a delightful afternoon of catching up.

I hope with all my heart that the name of the school will not be changed. Although the aforementioned people all attended the Indiana State Teachers College, we're all proud that it is now Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

*Jane Russell Mitchell Flick '45
Colona, Md.*

Long-time Controversy

Bravo to Mr. Mark Rudel '79 for his succinct letter in the Fall '03 edition on why IUP should retain its name! This name-changing argument has been in existence from the early '50s, and maybe alumni from the '40s are aware of the controversy even then.

A name is the heart of a person or of an institution; it tells who or what that person or institution is.

Over the years, Indiana has expanded and grown stronger. Alumni around the world are proud of the education they have received and this forms a bond which strengthens the name INDIANA. This is who we are. Why on earth would anyone want to take that away from us?

On another note—thank you so much for the article about Dr. Jon Wood, director of the Ohio State Marching Band. Now I know why that band has such a terrific sound!

*Rosemary Conlon Decker '55
East Springfield, Ohio*

Well-Deserved Recognition

I am writing in response to the proposal to change the name of IUP. I received a quality, outstanding education at IUP. I love IUP and I have many wonderful memories of my IUP years. I am not a bit ashamed or embarrassed to tell people where I graduated from college.

I am very proud of IUP. The University of South Carolina and Clemson University are fierce rivals. The weekend their football teams play each other, the people here go crazy wearing their favorite team colors. I always wear my IUP shirts (my favorite team).

IUP does have a national recognition. I have lived in several different places since graduation and I have met people from all over the country. Many of them have heard of IUP.

We don't need to change the university's name in order to give it recognition. Just the other day a new acquaintance of mine informed me that IUP had the best university marching band that he had ever heard.

I will always love IUP and continue to share my pride with others. Just last week I took my fourth- and fifth-grade students on a field trip to IUP via the Internet. I showed them the Oak Grove and several other interesting things. They enjoyed it and so did I. Every year when we visit family in western Pennsylvania, we visit IUP. My three sons love seeing and hearing IUP history and facts. Maybe I will have a future IUP scholar here.

As alumni of such an understanding institution it should be our responsibility to educate others about IUP and all that the university has to offer besides its very unique name.

*Jo Ann Calafiore Doughty '80
Hartsville, S.C.*

Correction

An incorrect photo credit appeared on page 20 of the Fall issue. It was Don Toy '69 who took the photo of opening day at the Armstrong Campus.



to making them understand she was there to do a job.

"I think being female has some real advantages," she said. "There's not the power struggle there is sometimes between the male staff and the male inmates. They're more likely to take direction. All those skills I learned in special ed programs about the instruction being firm and fair and consistent really helped me when I began working in prison."

Only males managing prisons is another stereotype Veltri wants to break, noting that there are now about fifteen female wardens in the system.

"People tend to have preconceptions of what a warden is like, and it's colored by what they see in the media and movies," she said. "I can't think of any time where we are portrayed in a positive image, and it's a shame. It's not like the movies. I love to go out and talk with students and try to change that perception. We're running this little community, and we're asked to be very professional. I hope that more people become interested in this as a career."

Coming UP

For a comprehensive calendar of campus events, please refer to IUP's Central Calendar, accessible from the homepage at www.iup.edu.

Alumni Events

(www.iup.edu/alumni/events or 1-800-yes2iup)

Harrisburg Area Alumni Chapter Sports Card Show, Harrisburg East Shopping Mall, February 20-22
Distinguished Alumni Awards Gala, April 3
Alumni Reunion Weekend, June 4-5

Athletics

IUP hosts the PSAC Swimming Championships, February 18-20
Men's and Women's Basketball at home versus Slippery Rock, February 25, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

College of Fine Arts

A New Brain, Theater by the Grove and Music Theater, Waller Mainstage, February 19-21 and 25-28 at 8:00 p.m., and February 15 at 2:00 p.m.
International Festival of Women Composers, held at both Carnegie Mellon University and IUP, March 17-20

Vassily Primakov, Piano, Gorell Recital Hall, April 1, 8 p.m.

Dance Premiere: The World Curator, IUP Dance Theater, Zink Dance Theater, April 2 and April 3, 8 p.m.

Jazz Festival, Fisher Auditorium, April 3, 7:30 p.m.

Jo Ann Krivin: Jazz Photography Exhibit, includes live performances and other surprises during run of exhibit, University Museum, April 3 through May 8

A Streetcar Named Desire, Theater by the Grove, Waller Mainstage, April 15-17 and 21-24, 8 p.m., April 18, 2 p.m.

On Stage, the Student Life Entertainment Series

Seussical the Musical, Fisher Auditorium, February 23, 8:00 p.m.

Three Dog Night, Fisher Auditorium, March 20, 8:00 p.m.

Les Ballet Jazz de Montreal, Fisher Auditorium, April 2, 8:00 p.m.

FISHERS OF MEN

The Christian rock band ApologetiX specializes in Biblical song parodies.

Famous rock numbers, including "Cat Scratch Fever" and "The Monkees' Theme," get a makeover with a Christian attitude. The band members, including lead singer, songwriter, and founding member John "J" Jackson '86, take the responsibility seriously to be "fishers of men," using their song parodies as the bait. For their story, please visit the on-line version of *IUP Magazine* at www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag. Left to right: Keith Haynie, Jackson, Karl Messner, and Bill Rieger.



Keith Boyer

Toward World Healing

Tibetan monks came to IUP last fall to construct a mandala, to perform multiphonic singing, and, incidentally, to go bowling. Mandalas, emanating from the artistic traditions of Tantric Buddhism, consist of millions of sand grains, painstakingly laid on a flat platform. They may take weeks to complete and are destroyed once completed, since it is the work's creation that effects purification and healing, not the finished product. The monks, representing the Drepung Loesling Monastery, also presented a program of "Sacred Music, Sacred Dance" and enjoyed a visit to Indiana's Mohawk Lanes.



Courtesy of Stuart Chandler

Fun-Packed Promotion / by Emily Wells

The retro fad of cramming as many people as possible into a Volkswagen Beetle was revived at IUP last fall when the Volkswagen of America Inc. Major Motion Picture Show rolled onto campus. The tour travels to universities in the U.S. and Canada, offering food, activities, prizes, and a movie to students, while educating them on the VW brand.

Marisa Cornego, a dealer coordinator working on the tour, described it as a "good event for students to learn about certified, pre-owned vehicles." Many students who checked out the event were not put off by its promotional nature. Sophomore nursing majors Alison Blososky of Ebensburg, Kristen Landry of Westfield, and Carmen Morehead of Lewistown were among them.

"It's really cool because everything is free," Landry commented. "You don't

have to do anything—It definitely attracts people."

The activities would have been hard to miss. The lawn near Keith Hall was transformed into a mini-marketing carnival. Giant speakers pumped music into the crowd. The Game Garage featured VW-themed contests and prizes. The Snack Shack gave away pizza, popcorn, and soft drinks. Guests were able to pose for photos in a Beetle convertible. Others took turns climbing a 25-foot high inflatable rock-climbing wall.

Local Volkswagen dealers were on hand to answer questions about topics such as financing, while company representatives were there to talk about performance. Students could even take a test drive. Five VW vehicles were on the premises. One of them, a red GTI, was the grand-prize of the

drawing. Students could sign up to win a two-year lease on the car. There would be one winner from all the students who entered during the course of the tour.

All Major Motion Picture Show staffers wore pale blue work uniform shirts with their first names embroidered on a patch above the VW slogan "Drivers wanted." A semi-tractor trailer painted with a twilight drive-in scene was parked at the cul-de-sac of Pratt Drive. With its own bleachers, the trailer was a portable theater where students watched *Pirates of the Caribbean*, the culmination of the event.

IUP set an attendance record of 311 students for the evening movie, according to a spokesperson. The university was the fifth stop of the fall tour period, Cornego said. This is the sixth consecutive year for the tour, which visits twelve universities in the

U.S. and Canada during the fall and spring semesters. Approximately 1,900 students attended the event at IUP, the spokesperson reported.

IUP was selected as a tour stop based on enrollment, its ranking as one of the top five schools in the Pittsburgh market, and the fact that the date coincided with Homecoming, the spokesperson said.

And how did today's IUP students pack up compared with those of yesteryear? They got twenty-four people into the Beetle.

Well Connected

IUP has been included in the list of the top twenty-five most-connected campuses by the Princeton Review, a national educational resources company.

The list was designed to illustrate the depth and breadth of technology on today's campus, Princeton Review officials said. To identify the colleges on the list, the company collated responses from more than 100,000 college students, as well as data from campus administrators.

Criteria included the student-computer ratio, wireless access on campus, the breadth of the computer science curriculum, and comments from campus students.

The full list of most connected campuses is available at www.forbes.com/campus.

Responding to Weapons of Mass Destruction

Since August, 2001, IUP scientists have quietly provided training to military personnel related to homeland security and response to terrorist use of weapons of mass destruction. Military teams trained at IUP have been first responders to the September 11, 2001, attacks in New York and Washington, to the Florida anthrax incidents, and to the 2003 *Columbia* shuttle explosion.

Starting in the fall, IUP will offer a special master's degree program, Science of Disaster Response, to civilians. The program's facilities will include a \$600,000 specially designed, state-of-the-art laboratory facility.

A 5,300-square-foot area, com-

"The faculty has really been a catalyst for the development and emphasis on the use of technology in the classroom," said Mark Piwinsky, IUP vice provost for technology. "Throughout all of the planning and development of a computing vision for the university, we were guided by our belief that our faculty can be pioneers in delivering high-quality instruction with technology."

Key to the success of a most-connected campus is fiberoptic campuswide connectivity using a local area network and a common set of software to enhance faculty collaboration and cooperation. There is also the added advantage of helping students to develop advanced competencies in software tools in multiple classes, Piwinsky said.

plete with laboratories for microbiology, molecular biology, and chemistry, will be renovated on the second floor of IUP's Walsh Hall for the program. Renovations will begin at the end of the Spring semester and will be completed for the Fall, when the first nonmilitary group of students is to begin.

The curriculum for the master's degree program, originally designed for military personnel, has been developed through funding from grants from the Department of Defense's National Guard Bureau.

More than a hundred people have taken coursework in weapons of mass destruction at IUP since the program began in 2001. IUP professors of biology, chemistry, and physics developed the original training in partnership with Concurrent Technologies Corporation of Johnstown.

WHAT THEY SAID

ASSOCIATED PRESS:

"Homicide rates see cyclical increases and decreases.

Factors such as a poor economy, accessible firearms, family instability and drug and alcohol abuse often contribute to spikes in the number of murders, said David Myers, associate professor of criminology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania." ("Allegheny County Homicides in 2003 Near Record High," October 29, 2003)

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER:

"Indiana University of Pennsylvania band director David Martynuik was also 'kind of ambivalent' about bringing twirlers back, but today he's a convert. 'It's a traditional thing,' he said. 'If there's a word that describes a college marching band, it's tradition.'" ("Nothing but the Sky for Twirlers," November 30, 2003)

JACKSON (MISS.)

CLARION-LEOGER:

"Allen Robinson, CEO of the Highway Safety Center at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, is recommending the adoption of a national training standard for driver's education programs. Part of the reason thousands of young drivers are killed each year could be because 'they don't know how to protect themselves on the road,' Robinson said. Many

driver's education programs provide 'minimal guidance,' he said." ("Experts Question Quality of Driver's Ed," December 1, 2003)

ASSOCIATED PRESS:

"Twenty years ago, students were expected to come in and share a room and share a bathroom down the hall with forty people," said Michelle Fryling, a spokeswoman for Indiana University of Pennsylvania, about forty-five miles northeast of Pittsburgh. "Many of today's students may never have shared a room with a brother or sister, and they have different expectations of what residence hall life should be." ("Colleges Sweeten Deal for Students with Apartments, Suites," December 11, 2003)

Oil City (Pa.) DERRICK:

"A U.S. soldier in Iraq is taking courses over the Internet while serving his country....'We have very limited access to computers, but what access we do have is open twenty-four hours,' the soldier said. 'So when I finish a mission, I wait in line for a computer. I do what schoolwork I can and try to stay in touch with family.' He is pursuing his degree through the e-University of Western Pennsylvania, a collaborative effort between Clarion University and Indiana University of Pennsylvania." ("E-University Helps U.S. Soldier Take Classes in Iraq," December 12, 2003)

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1920s

Maintaining a ten-year annual tradition, EDNA GILLESPIE JONES '25 recently reunited with the only remaining member of her high school class of 1923. Currently a contributing member of the Tarentum Book Club, she taught at the Third Ward School in Tarentum, started a family, and returned to teaching, retiring in 1967 from the Second Ward School.

1950s

Now retired from performing music, MARIE HUDZINSKI SCANGA '50 lives in Farrell, Pa., with her husband, JAMES SCANGA '48, who still plays organ for various functions. Their oldest grandson, John Scanga, is a

junior at IUP and president of Alpha Chi Rho fraternity.

1960s

The outdoor adventure coordinator for Cassadaga Job Corps Center, DIANE HUBER CLARK '64, M'67 received the Employee of the Year Award. She lives in Fredonia, N.Y.

Founder and pastor of the cottage church Lighthouse Gospel Revelation Fellowship, Reverend ERMA BERENBROK STIFFLER '64 lives in Blairsville with her husband, Charles.

Retired in 1999 after thirty-three years teaching French, English, and communications at Chartiers Valley High School, LARRY WINLAND '66 is

back in the classroom as an adjunct instructor of French at Messiah College in Grantham, Pa., and is on the Board of Directors of Oyster Mill Playhouse in Camp Hill, where he directed the musical *Canterbury Tales*, acted in three shows, and will direct *Dr. Cook's Garden* in 2004.

Retired after thirty-six years as a high school principal, JAMES HORNER '67, owner of Horner Consulting Firm, lives in Bethel Park with his wife, MARY CLAIRE EMIGH HORNER '67.

DENNIS GAGGINI '68 retired from the Armstrong School District/ Kittanning Senior High School as a mathematics teacher last summer. He retired from the Army as a colonel after his assignment to the Army Material Command during Operation Desert Storm, and lives in Kittanning with his wife, Linda.

Retired business educator DONALD GUERRIERI '68, M'71 is coauthor of the fifth edition of *Glencoe Accounting*. He lives in Greensburg, Pa.

When REGIS HUGHES '68 died last fall, 250 students and former students at Verona (Pa.) Elementary School paid a unique tribute. According to a front-page story in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, as the funeral procession passed, the students held up their favorite books. Regis taught first grade and reading at the school for twenty-six years.

BORN ON THE FIFTH OF JULY

Rockville, Md., resident Estelle Berberian '22 celebrated her hundredth birthday last summer. She received a teaching certificate from Indiana Normal School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree at Columbia University. Today, she assists her daughter in a pet shop enterprise and participates in the IUP D.C. North Women's Networking Group, which has members with class years ranging from the twenties to the nineties.

Designation of Codes

- AA Associate of Arts Degree
- CA Academy of Culinary Arts
- D Doctoral Degree
- M Master's Degree

MIKE PETERSEN '68, M'87 is the managing editor of the *Indiana Gazette*.

1970s

KATHLEEN WILLE CHAMBERLAIN '70, an assistant professor of education at Lycoming College, received the 2003 Junior Faculty Teaching Award. A resident of Towanda, Pa., she is the author of *Middle Schools for a Diverse Society* (see the Bookends section in this issue).

LINDA HOSTIENSKA NORDLING '71, a resident of Sykesville, Md., has been a teacher in Carroll County for thirty-three years.

After thirty years of service at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, including twenty as chairperson of the education department, WILLIAM O'BRUBA D'71 retired as professor of education. He was the first person to receive a Doctor of Education in Elementary Education degree from IUP.

In its October issue, *Antiques* magazine published an article by BILL STOUT '73 on "French Furnishings in a New York City Apartment."

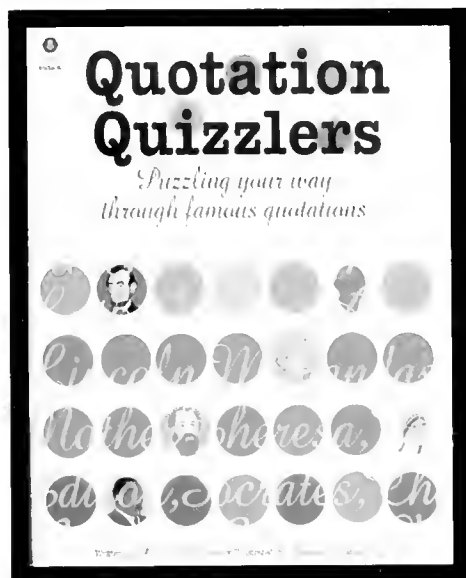
STEVE WILDMAIER '73, president and CEO of IIB Service Bank and member of the Board of Directors, lives in Warren, Pa., with his wife, Cindy.

After two years as chief of the Office of Military Cooperation at the American Embassy in Kuwait, THOMAS CSRNKO '74 is commanding general of Special Operations Command Europe and is stationed at Patch Barracks in Stuttgart, Germany.

FRANK CUTITTA '74, CEO of the International Advertising Association, lives in Wayland, Mass., with his wife, Leslie, and daughters, Olivia and Genevieve.

JAMES SCANGA, JR. '76, a band director at Farrell High School, lives in Sharpsville, Pa., with his wife and two sons.





Quotation Quizzlers

Combining quotations with puzzles can capture a student's interest and open doors to discussing the quotes' meanings. *Quotation Quizzlers* by **Philip Steinbacher '81** lets students and teachers use critical thinking and word analysis to solve puzzles and discover the thoughts of famous people and includes biographical information on each person. The book is available from Dandy Lion Publications.

JOHN ABRIOLO '77, founder and principal of Select Financial Group, is on the PIMCO Funds Chairman's Council and lives in Upper St. Clair with his wife, Donna, and daughters, Diana and Katie.

CONNIE STEELE GREINER '77, a faculty member at Texas A&M University-Commerce in the teacher education program, received her doctorate in supervision, curriculum, and instruction in higher education. She lives in Mesquite, Tex., with her husband, Bob, and children, Bobby and Stephanie Anne.

DON SCHIN '77, president of ACTION International Pennsylvania, is president of the Board of Directors of the Master Coaches Association.

JOANNE YOUNGBLUT '77, a professor and research coordinator at Florida International University School of Nursing and recipient of the 2003 IUP Distinguished Alumni Award, serves on the National Institute of General Medical Sciences and the Minority Biomedical Research Support Subcommittee of the National Institutes of Health.

Run from the Nun

Meant for a middle-school audience, *Run from the Nun* is the first novel of **Erin MacLellan '82** of Delaware, Ohio. Based on her own experience of transferring to a parochial school, *Run from the Nun* is a fictional story of the main character's adjustment to change. Holiday House published the book.

Keeping Time

Associate professor of English at SUNY-Rockland, **Suzanne Cleary D'96** is the author of *Keeping Time*, a collection of poetry that probes the mnemonic power of objects. The book was published by Carnegie Mellon University Press. Cleary's poetry has appeared in *Atlanta Review*, *Poetry*, *Third Coast*, and more.

New Insights

New or experienced teachers may gain insights into the lives of their students with *Middle Schools for a Diverse Society*, written by **Kathleen Wille Chamberlain '70**. Designed to help midlevel educators promote a supportive learning environment by taking into account students' social, economic, and cultural conditions, the book is released through Peter Lang Publishing.

Employed by KDKA radio, Gibsonia resident **RICK BERGMAN '78** received his second straight nomination as Best Talk Show Host for the March of Dimes Achievement in Radio Award.

KATHY HAIVY GIBSON '78, a recipient of the 1989 IUP Distinguished Alumni Award, is associate director for training and development for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and received a Meritorious Service Award in 2002. She lives with her husband, Raymond, and their four children in Rockville, Md.

After ten years as vice president and training manager for consumer loans at PNC Bank, **LEE McCAFFREY '78** joined Service Link in Aliquippa as director of training. He lives in Dormont with his wife, Michelle.

KEITH BECKETT '79, M'82 is director of physical education, athletics, and recreation at the College of Wooster in Ohio.

After five years in Germany and London, **WILLIAM ESHMONT '79**, chief financial officer for

This Day

What is "a day in the life" really like for a TV celebrity, an inmate, a star forward for the WNBA, a New York Times reporter, a retired grandmother of two, the CEO of a corporate icon, a Mennonite, a Congresswoman, and the president of NOW?

This Day: Diaries From American Women is a compelling collection of day diaries from these women and many others.

The idea for the book was conceived by **Joni Cole '80**, a writer and the mother of two young daughters. Cole and her two coeditors solicited day diary contributions from across experiential, cultural, geographic, and socioeconomic boundaries. The book includes thirty-five complete day diaries from a diverse group of women and excerpts from over one hundred other contributors.

"It was surprisingly easy to recruit day diarists," said Cole. "We learned that women—even prominent women—aren't often asked to speak in their own voices. Countless day diarists were surprised we would value their perspective enough to invite them to participate in this project.

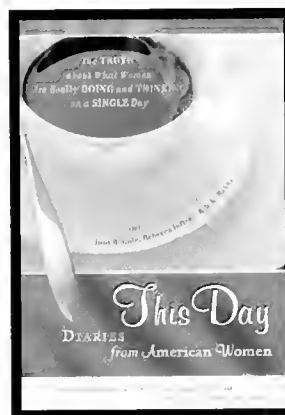
Yet, when you read their first-person accounts, the content is interesting, powerful, and often inspirational."

While the book reveals each day diarist's uniqueness, it also underscores

some interesting commonalities among women. "No matter who we are or where we live, by virtue of our gender we are all part of the powerful, quirky, and wonderful community of women," said Cole. "And

that puts us in very good company."

Before creating *This Day*, Cole was cowriter of a business strategy book, *Strategic Supremacy: How Industry Leaders Create Growth, Wealth, and Power Through Spheres of Influence*. For more information about *This Day*, visit www.thisdayinthelife.com.



Domino Amjet, Inc., moved to Deerfield, Ill., with his wife, Anna, and daughter, Kendall.

After twenty-three years of Air Force and United Nations duty, including command of three intelligence units, retired Lt. Col. MARK FASSIO '79 heads Henry County High School's Junior ROTC detachment. He lives in Pendleton, Ky., with his wife, MARGIE BERGER FASSIO '83, and children, Carolyn, Christopher, and Michael.

KAREN KOS GIERLASYNSKI '79 and her husband, Stan, are celebrating their seventeenth year as owners of Galley Restaurant and Bar (www.galleyrest.com) in St. Ignace on Michigan's upper peninsula.

The Chester County (Pa.) Chamber of Business and Industry recognized JEFF MARCH '79, president and CEO

of Citadel Federal Credit Union, as the Small Business Leader of the Year.

1980s

A teacher of fourth- and fifth-grade students with learning disabilities at St. John's Elementary School, JO ANN CALAHORE DOUGHTY '80 received a grant from the South Carolina Department of Education that enables her students to have books to read at home. She lives in Hartsville, S.C., with her husband, Daniel, and sons, David, Sean, and Patrick.

ROSEMARY EDWARDS '80, staff pathologist and chief of transfusion services at Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh, received the 2003 College of American Pathologists Foundation Humanitarian Grant Award.

Celebrating nineteen years of marriage, CHERYL GROVES FLUHARTY '81 and

WILLIAM FLUHARTY '80, vice president of sales and marketing for Brenntag West, Inc., live in Thousand Oaks, Calif., with their children, Nathan, Shannon, and Chad.

PATRICK KURTZ WINOVICH '80 lives in Naples, Fla.

TERRY DUNLAP '81, president of Allegheny Ludlum, was the featured speaker at the 2003 IUP Business Day luncheon sponsored by the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology.

Industrial division chairman and Executive Board member of the Michigan Safety Conference, DWI LERNER '81 is product development division safety engineer for Ford Motor Company and lives in Brighton, Mich., with his wife, Carolyn, and daughter, Emily.

After almost twenty-two years of active duty, DAVID MCFARLAND '81 retired from the U.S. Army last fall and is now assistant director of admissions at LaRoche College in Pittsburgh. He lives in Grove City with his wife, COLLEEN CROWNOVER MCFARLAND '92, and children, Elizabeth and Patrick.

A managing director for Federal Express, JEFFREY BROWN '82 lives in Memphis with his wife, Shelly, and daughter, Monica.

Major General ALAN THRASHER M'82 is commanding general of the U.S. Army Cadet Command.

VERNON UNDERWOOD '82, operations supervisor for Pomeroy IT Solutions, lives in Bethel Park, Pa., with his wife, Cheri, and children, Austin, Sam, Bailey, and Olivia.

Omaha resident ROBERT JOHNSON '83 is a supervisory special agent for the Drug Enforcement Administration.

This past Veteran's Day, Lt. Col. BRYAN OWENS '83 spoke at IUP about his twenty-year career in the U.S. Army, including experiences as the 82nd Airborne Division Operations Officer during Operation Iraqi Freedom and as an Infantry Company Commander during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He is currently serving at the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa.

DIANE LAMOURFUX PETERS '83 is director of the President's Club and the Annual Fund at Elizabethtown College.

ERIC BROWN '84, a lead recruiter for Northrop Grumman Corporation, lives in Elkridge, Md., with his wife, Marilyn.

The Arizona Language Association gave JOCHYN DANIELSON RAUGHT '84, who teaches Spanish at Cactus Shadows High School, the Teacher of the Year award. She lives in Peoria, Ariz., with her husband, Dennis.

The four members of the Clarks (GREG JOSEPH '85, SCOTT BLASEY '87, ROB JAMES '87, and DAVE MINARIK '88) brought their band to Indiana in December for a downtown performance.

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Please note: News that appears in this issue arrived in the magazine office on or before December 12. If your news came in after that date, it will appear in the Summer issue. News for that issue must *arrive* in the magazine office no later than **April 13, 2004**. News arriving after that date will appear in the Fall, 2004, issue. **News for Class Notes, Weddings, and Arrivals must be reported either by or with the explicit approval of the subject(s). Photos become the magazine's property and may or may not be returned.**

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Return to the Islands

Retired IUP English professor Rosaly Roffman traveled to Hawaii in December for a poetry reading and presentation. Her topic was *Threepenny Papers*, a broadside poetry magazine she helped produce more than forty years ago, when, as Rosaly DeMaio, she was a graduate student at the University of Hawaii.

The first independent poetry magazine in the Islands, the publication was set by hand and printed on a press reputedly bequeathed to the university by Herman Melville. Roffman took with her in December a complete set of the periodical for the university's archives and read Hawaiian series selections from



her book *Going to Bed Whole*. One of the poems, reprinted here, is about a restaurant owner and recalls Hawaii in the very early sixties.

*I would run anyway to ANTONIOS in Kailua
where there weren't supposed to be restaurants
where they make cornucopia sushi out of eggs
too big for delicate mouths in Honolulu.*

*Then, Antonio's wife with braids in her hair
would send me home with offerings of lobsters,
because she knew her no-fool-like-an-old-fool
had fallen in love, and all of Rommel's campaigns
had not prepared him to drop from the skies
like one of his delicate fish onto a plate.*

*Still, I never knew Antonio wept in his restaurant
—or who else he taught to drink strega, elegantly,
under "dukine" sun which always stayed Milanese,
on this windward side of the island just like him.*

Army Major **MARK MARTIN '85**, a resident of Mechanicsburg and part of the 352nd Civil Affairs Command out of Riverdale, Md., is the Coalition Provisional Authority North regional operations officer in Baghdad and was scheduled to be redeployed to the U.S. in January.

An English teacher for sixteen years at Southern Huntingdon County (Pa.) High School, **LARRY STEEL M'86** is also head wrestling coach and assistant baseball coach.

Sergeant **CHRISTOPHER WALSH '86**, a seventeen-year police veteran and commander of the Pennsylvania State Police Northwest Training Center in Meadville, lives in Evans City with his wife, Patricia, and children, Taylor, McLean, and Spencer.

SHERIN SHAFFER YOUNG '86, a retail manager with DSW Shoe Warehouse, lives in Erie with her husband, Michael, and stepdaughter, Julia.

VICTOR CONRAD '87, a financial professional/planner, lives in Cranberry Township, Pa., with his wife, Debbie, and daughter, Emma.

MARY BOWLING DOLHEIMER '87, director of marketing and media relations at Elizabethtown College, lives in Abbottstown with her husband and three children.

Army Major **LARRY HOWARD '87**, a resident of Woodbridge, Va., and part of the 354th Civil

Affairs Brigade out of Riverdale, Md., is the Coalition Provisional Authority Baghdad regional operations officer.

TONY KUSIAK '87, vice president of loss prevention for GNC Inc., lives in Mars, Pa., with his wife, **PAT CIPOLLA KUSIAK '86**.

Attorney **CHRISTOPHER LEE '88** is on the board of the Pennsylvania Defense Institute, representing the state's Western District.

A product manager for MSC Direct, **DAWN POWERS BORCHERS '89** received her M.B.A. in 2001. She lives in Port Jefferson, N.Y., with her husband, Bill, and daughter, Madison.

JOANNE LIPNICKY GARLOH '89, assistant officer in the Investment Manager Relations Department with Mellon Financial, and her husband, Samuel, of Bethel Park, Pa., recently celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary.

CARL MILLER '89, a music teacher and band director for the Crawford Central School District, married **RACHEL PERRY '00**, a music teacher for the Jamestown Area School District, in a ceremony that included **ALAN MILLER '80**, **DAVID CORNELIUS '96**, **AUDRA CORTEYU BARRICK '00**, and **AMY BRIDEGAN STERNER '00**. The couple lives in Meadville, Pa.

Ditto Document Solutions, whose founder and president is **KEN SHIRIBER '89**, was a finalist in the service provider company category of ➤

Mentors

Mentors is a feature that highlights and reports on IUP faculty members, past and present. News of alumni who are also faculty members will continue to appear in Class Notes as well.

A GRAPHIC DESIGN PROFESSOR IN THE ART DEPARTMENT, Andrew Gillham received the Air Force Special Operations Outstanding Achievement in Safety Award in recognition of his work on the Digital Eagle program, a series of multimedia teaching tools that expose pilots to crash simulations, accidents, and mishaps involving hostile acts.

"Professor Gillham is directly responsible for proposing and implementing what I believe will become the most significant aircraft accident prevention program ever undertaken by any agency inside or outside the Department of Defense," said Air Force Col. Kenneth Poole.

AS A VISITING PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS, Sociology Professor Victor Garcia participated on a research team that studied barriers that discourage some first-generation Latino students from pursuing higher education opportunities beyond community colleges. The team of researchers was invited to present its findings at a conference at Harvard University last fall.

VIOLINIST AND STRINGS PROFESSOR STANLEY CHEPAITIS has joined three Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra musicians to form Blues on First, a jazz string quartet. While the group performs, it also encourages the study of jazz for strings at area universities.

CHARLES FUGET, who served for many years as dean of IUP's College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, then later returned to the university to serve as interim president in the early 1990s, has been named interim president at Fisk University in Tennessee. Fuget, who retired from the Pennsylvania Department of Education as commissioner of Higher Education, recently completed a similar stint at Bennett College in North Carolina.

Pittsburgh Technology Council's Technology 50 awards and was named to *Inc.* magazine's Inner City 100, a national listing of the fastest-growing firms in America's inner cities.

BECKY ANDERSON WASSON '89 lives in Nevillewood, Pa., with her husband, Anthony, and sons, Ben, Connor, and Cole.

1990s

After leaving the position of director and litigator with the Harm Reduction Law Project in New York City to do volunteer work with endangered animals in Guatemala, CORINNE CAREY '90 joined Human Rights Watch as a researcher in the U.S. program working primarily on issues relating to drug policy and juvenile justice.

SUSAN JOHNSON MANN '90, president of Conemaugh Health Foundation, lives in Johnstown with her husband, Tim, and son, Jacob.

SUSAN HOFNER McCULLOCH '90, executive managing editor for Barnes and Noble Publishing, lives in West Orange, N.J.

NAVJ SINGH M'90, executive vice president of Equity Consultants, lives in Carmel, Ind., with his wife, Renate, who was a German exchange student in the IUP English department from 1990 to 1992, and their sons, Yannik and Yonas.

Indiana, Pa., resident GENE FENTON '91 is director of scenery and sets for the Property Project, a Pittsburgh artists' community.

The wedding ceremony of Glenn Uber and LYNN HOLT '91, daughter of retired IUP professors Olive Holt and HARRY HOLT '58, took place in Indiana and included maid of honor BETH COLEMAN '92 and groomsmen HARRY HOLT '93, STEPHEN HOLT '97, and SAMUEL HOLT '97.

A registered nurse at Piedmont Medical Center, JULIA CRAMER TRIOLO '91 lives in Atlanta with her husband, Brian.



MESSAGE SENT

Steve Pasierb '84, M'86, president and CEO of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, received the Advertising Hall of Achievement Award from the American Advertising Federation in 2003. For details, please visit Web Extra on line at www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag.

ART AND MORE ART

To celebrate the work of visual artist Chuck Olson '74, M'76, professor of art and art history at St. Francis University in Loretto, Pa., Pine-Richland High School art teachers Mary Anne Grazioli Andreassi '95, Ramon Riley '97, and Vince Thearle '02 joined him for "Pine-Richland Night" at the James Gallery in Pittsburgh. Left to right: Olson, Andreassi, Riley, Thearle.



A second-grade teacher at Stanwood Elementary School in Western Pennsylvania's Hempfield Area School District, TAMMY GRAY '92 is the 2003 Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Outstanding Teacher of the Year. She lives in Youngwood with her daughter, Barbara.

BRYAN MUSSER '92 received his M.B.A. from Widener University and lives in Woolwich Township, N.J., with his wife, JoAnn, and son, Zachary.

An art director for Commonwealth Media, Harrisburg resident SCOTT PITTS '92 is working toward a master's degree in training and development at Penn State.

A member of the Harford County Cultural Arts Board, TONYA YOHNN WOODY '92 received her master's in arts administration from Goucher College and is chair of the United

Methodist Church Fine Arts Committee in Bel Air, Md., where she lives with her husband, Doug, and three sons, Benjamin, Evan, and Carter.

A secondary education teacher of social studies in the Bellwood-Antis School District, ANDREA HOMADY BRANT '93, M'03 lives in Altoona.

A resident of Delray Beach, Fla., ALBERT DESCISCIO '93 is senior materials manager at Siemens Information and Communication Networks.

A special education teacher for Harrisburg City Schools, Highspire resident TAMARA MILLEN '93 anticipates graduating in 2004 from Penn State with a master's degree in community psychology.

A Spanish teacher at the Edgeworth and Osborne elementary schools,

BETH GRUNWALD '94 of Coraopolis, Pa., was a finalist for the 2004 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year award.

ANDREA CLARK MASTURZO '94, a teacher in the Chester Upland School District, lives in North Wales, Pa., with her husband, Kevin, and sons, Antonio and Joshua.

KRISTEN HUFNAGEL DEITER '95, M'96 and her husband, JASON DEITER '96, live in Duryea, Pa.

A human resource manager for EGS-Neer Manufacturing, JENNIFER THOMPSON HALVAX '95 lives in Mansfield, Ohio, with her husband, Joshua.

KELLY SLOTHOWER '95 is a senior account planner for MARC/USA Pittsburgh.

CURTIS DIMMICK '96 is assistant principal at Pleasant Valley High School, where he has taught health and physical education since 1997. He lives in Northampton, Pa., with his wife, Lori.

The 2001 wedding ceremony of ANDREA IACONE '96, daughter of AUDREY ABBOTT IACONE '70 and ANTHONY IACONE '69, to Anthony Graham included bridesmaids JENEFER KUKULSKI DiPALMA '97 and graduate student Maria Garase. The couple lives in Camp Hill with their year-old son, Griffin.

A relationship manager in the Institutional Retirement Plan Services Division of the Vanguard Group, TIMOTHY KUNKLE '96 lives in Phoenix and received his M.B.A. from the University of Phoenix.

JOHN LAFAYETTE '96, M'98, a loss control consultant for Zenith Insurance, and his wife, CARRY MITERKO LAFAYETTE '98, a loss control consultant for PM Associates, live in Allentown.

LANCE ZIELINSKI '96 lives in Kittanning with his wife, Becky, and sons, Peyton and Gabriel.

JOSEPH ANDREACCI '97 received his Ph.D. in exercise physiology from the

University of Pittsburgh and is assistant professor in the Exercise Science and Athletics department at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania.

JASON LIVAN '97 is the assistant managing editor of the *Indiana Gazette*.

TOM LONG D'97 is visiting professor of English at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., where he shares an office with GUY McCORMICK D'93.

A C.P.A. and controller for the eastern Virginia division of Center Homes Corporation, AMY HORNER SERGI '97 lives in Landsdown, Va., with her husband, Joe.

The wedding ceremony of TARA LUFFY '98 and JOHN MOORE '98 included HOLLY GORDON '98, NICOLE BILKINS '99, ROBB DUTY '99, and JASON MOORE '99. They live in University Heights, Ohio, with their son, Joshua.

JOSEPH RODRIGUEZ M'98, director of admissions, records, and registration at Montgomery County Community College, is commissioner to the Pennsylvania Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs. He lives in Blue Bell, Pa., with his wife, Courtney.

A speech and language pathologist for the Altoona Area School District, JAIME BANTZ BAKER '99, M'01 lives in Altoona.

An attorney with the firm of Gentry, Locke, Rakes, and Moore, KAREN COON '99 lives in Roanoke, Va.

Penn State University employees PAUL LIADIS '99, a senior computer programmer/analyst for the University Budget Office, and LIZ PENKALA '00, a staff assistant in the Department of Engineering Science and Mechanics, were wed in a ceremony that included Paul's father, STEVE LIADIS '73, and bridesmaids TANYA TOPKA '99 and CHRISTA LIADIS '03. The couple lives in Bellefonte, Pa.

MICHAEL WROBLEWSKI '99, an attorney with the firm of Pretzel and Stouffer, lives in Highland, Ind., with his wife, Amy.

2000s

The wedding ceremony of MICHAEL CONNELL '00 and JOY LEONARD '00, M'02 included MARYBETH JEFFRIES '85, PATRICK CONNELL '89, JOHN CONNELL '91, KEVIN CONNELL '94, AMY KARNS CORKLEY '00, WILL FORAN '01, M'03, and junior Rebecca Cook.

LINDSAY BOLLINGER DiMARCANTONIO '00, educational program representative at Harcum College, lives in Drexel Hill, Pa., with her husband, DAVID DiMARCANTONIO '01.

CUI FEN, who received master's degrees from IUP in 2000 and 2001, was featured in the October, 2003, issue of *Art in America*. A description of her exhibition, "The Voice of the Voiceless," at Manhattan's Gallery 456 was accompanied by a photograph of one of her works in grass and handmade paper.

By walking 39.3 miles, DENISE GIELAS '00, a third-grade teacher in the Baltimore County Public School District, raised \$3,839 through the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Washington, D.C.

MICHAEL MOTT '00, a high school math teacher for Kennett Consolidated School District, married TIFFANY DESMOND '02 in a ceremony that included JAMES DESMOND '98, KIMBERLY DESMOND M'00, NICOLE CHATLAK '02, RACHEL WEESH KLUCK '02, BRONWYN MCGGI '02, and freshman Tyson Mott. The couple lives in Coatesville, Pa.

RACHEL PERRY '00, a music teacher for the Jamestown Area School District, married CARL MILLER '89, a music teacher and band director for the Crawford Central School District, in a ceremony that included ALAN MILLER '80, DAVID CORNELIUS '96, AUDRA CORTELYOU BARRICK '00, and AMY BREIDEGAN STERNER '00. The couple lives in Meadville, Pa.

SCOTT PHELPS '00, information technology manager for the Pittsburgh Steelers and for Heinz Field, married PAMELA KENNEDY '03, an accountant for Atlas

Industries, in a ceremony that included bridesmaids HEATHER PHELPS VIANZA '96, M'98, DANA BERKEY '01, STEVEY LOWE '01, and KRISTY ESCH '02 and groomsmen ERIC NAUGHTON '00 and CHRIS SIREANNI '00.

SHANNA WILLIAMS TRISATTI '00, a milieu therapist at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, lives in Pittsburgh with her husband, Louis, and daughter, Crystal.

BECKY BOARTS '01, M'03, a teacher at Butler (Pa.) Intermediate High School, married JAMES MILLIGAN '01, a business analyst for

The couple honeymooned in Aruba and lives in Ambler, Pa.

AARON GRAY '02, a budget analyst for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, lives in Alexandria, Va.

Army Lieutenant MATTHEW HOMA '02, seriously injured while on duty in Iraq, recuperated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and returned to his home in Tarentum, Pa.

MARIA OPPERMAN KUBIK '02 lives with her husband, John, in Hughesville, Pa.

Currently pursuing a master's

Awards

Among The Princeton Review's America's Top 25 Most-Connected Campuses

Is IUP, in recognition of technological sophistication, student-computer ratio, and breadth of curriculum. The list was published exclusively on *Forbes.com*.

UF Legislative Fellowship

To State Rep. Tim Solobay, D-Canonsburg. The honor includes acting as a guest speaker in classrooms and sharing knowledge with students, faculty, and staff members.

Air Force Special Operation Outstanding Achievement in Safety Award

To Andrew Gillham, in recognition of his work on the Air Force's Digital Eagle project.

FirstEnergy Corporation, in a ceremony that included JENNIFER MONTERO '99, ERIC PARKS '00, JACLYN EMERY PARKS '01, SHAUN SPERL M'01, CHRISTY SWEET '01, and MATTHEW DELP '02.

Sarah Weigard '01, a rehabilitation counselor, married Saysavat Meuanthongchanh '01, a pharmaceutical representative with Merck, Inc., in a ceremony that included maid of honor SHIRLEY MCINTIRE '01; best man SENGSOURIYA MEUANTHONGCHANH '01; bridesmaids SARAH OLSEN '01, REBECCA SMITH '01, ADRIENNE WILEY '01, and ANGELA HUNT '02; and groomsmen JOSEPH PANNULLA '01.

degree in German and European studies at Georgetown University, ANNA NADGRODKIWICZ '02 received a Mortar Board National Foundation Fellowship for the 2003-2004 academic year.

A second-grade teacher for Frederick County Public Schools, ANGIE SWARTZ '02 lives in Hagerstown, Md.

A secondary education teacher of social studies in the Bellwood-Antis School District, ANDREA HOMADY BRANT '93, M'03 lives in Altoona.

MEGAN DIVELY '03 is a research fellow with the Center for Rural

Pennsylvania, a state legislative agency, and is also working some nights and weekends for the Harrisburg *Patriot-News*. She was featured in the Fall, 2003, issue of the National Rifle Association Foundation's publication *Traditions*.

Lost and Found

Attendees of the 1964 study abroad program to Valladolid, Spain: Possible fortieth anniversary trip back to Valladolid planned for Summer, 2004. Contact JOAN STOSSEI PUN '65 at j-pun@umanta.rcp.net.pe or call 011-511-344-2444 (Peru).

SYLVIA GALAS '48 or BETTY HENRY BECK '48: Please contact ELIZABETH JANOSCRAT MUSSELMAN '48 at 269 North Third Avenue, Manville, N.J., 08835.

ALPHA SIGMA ALPHA/THIETA CHI 1964 graduates: Fortieth reunion planned for July, 2004. Contact Sandy Locke Krasman at sandykrasman@hotmail.com or miller22@penn.com.

RONITA ROY '80: Please contact HOLLI BUZARD SMITH '79 at 66599 Anna Dr., St. Clairsville, Ohio, 43950; phone 740-695-3683; or e-mail holliandco@aol.com.

JIM GARLITZ '92 or JENNI JOSEPH '92: Please contact JEANNE McCLOSKEY-MALCOLM '91 at jmvinceyard@excite.com.

Former Classmates of TAMMY GRAY '92: Please contact her at goatgirl118@wmconnect.com.

E.J. SINGLY: Please contact NORINA STAHL BLYNN '88 at nblynn@comcast.net.

1980s

DEBBIE ERICKSON '82 to Michael McGee, November 1, 2003. SHERINE SHAFER '86 to Michael Young, May 25, 2003. CARL MILLER '89 to RACHEL PERRY '00, June 14, 2003.

1990s

JULIA CRAMER '91 to Brian Triolo, September 27, 2003. LYNN HOIT '91 to Glenn Uber, April 12, 2003. JEANNE McCLOSKEY '91 to Paul Malcolm, July 19, 2002. KELLY DANKS '94 to Jeff Abels, September 2, 2000. JODI MESTER '94 to Jim Szejka, October 18, 2003. JENNIFER BLACKWELL '95 to Bryan Yale, October 12, 2002. JENNIFER THOMPSON '95 to Joshua Halvax, November 21, 2003. JODI BARBER '96 to David Jordan, August 16, 2003. ROCHETTE GOLDBERG '96 to Jeff Flowers, May 27, 2001. ANDREA LACONE '96 to Anthony Graham, April 21, 2001. JOHN LAFAYETTE '96, M'98 to CARRY MIHERKO '98, November 23, 2002. CHAD HEISTER '97 to JACKIE SLIZAK '97, October 5, 2002. JASON NEUWIRTH '97 to NICOLE TOBIAS '97, November 9, 2002. TARA LUFFY '98 to JOHN MOORE '98, June 15, 2002. PAUL LIADIS '99 to LIZ PENKALA '00, August 16, 2003. BILL PUTKOWNIK '99 to Michelle Tharp, October 4, 2003.

2000s

LINDSAY BOLLINGER '00 to DAVID DiMARCANTONIO '01, August 30, 2003. MICHAEL CONNELL '00 to JOY LEONARD '00, M'02, May 17, 2003. KAREN FISHEROWSKI '00 to Jason Konnick, May 31, 2003. MICHAEL MOTT '00 to TIFFANY DESMOND

'02, October 18, 2003. RACHEL PERRY '00 to CARL MILLER '89, June 14, 2003. IAN PHILIPS '00 to PAMELA KENNEDY '03, June 14, 2003. BECKY BOARDS '01, M'03 to JAMES MILLIGAN '01, October 18, 2003. SAYSAWI MEUNTHONGCHANH '01 to SARAH WILGARD '01, September 27, 2003. MARIA OPPERMAN '02 to John Kubik, June 21, 2003.

Arrivals

1980s

TO MARY LOU WALLER MUCKERFROY '81, '89 and Jeffrey Muckleroy, a daughter, Mattie Pearl, October 25, 2002. TO VERNON UNDERWOOD '82 and Cheri Underwood, a daughter, Olivia Nichole, August 7, 2003. TO LISA CASSET SANNA '85 and JOSEPH SANNA '92, M'98, a daughter, Marissa Jo, August 25, 2000, and a daughter, Nicole Elisabetta, April 8, 2003. TO VIC FOR CONRAD '87 and Debbie Conrad, a daughter, Emma Catherine, September 9, 2003. TO BRIAN DAVIS '87, '89 and MELANIE ANNE MURPHY DAVIS '90, M'91, a daughter, Emilia Anne, August 5, 2003. TO BEIH O'LEARY NORRIS '87, M'88 and DAN NORRIS '87, a daughter, Meghan Theresa, October 9, 2003. TO NORINA STAHL BLYNN '88 and Ian Blynn, a son, Jonathan David Solomon, May 13, 2003. TO DAWN POWERS BORCHERS '89 and Bill Borchers, a daughter, Madison Lynn, March 15, 2002. TO CARLOS LEON '89 and JANET BECK LEON '89, a daughter, Nicole Alexandra, July 30, 2003. TO MEG SHUTY SRANSKE '89 and Michael Sranske, a daughter, Emma Viola, August 21, 2003.

1990s

TO MARY KAY COSTA CAREY '90 and KEVIN CAREY '91, a son, Jack Henry, August 21, 2003. TO AMY KOZAR JENKINS '90, M'91 and Dan Jenkins, a daughter, Mary Katherine, August 26, 2003. TO SUSAN JOHNSON MANN '90 and Tim Mann, a son, Jacob Ryan, April 14, 2003. TO NAVI SINGH M'90 and Renate Heider-Singh, a son, Yannik Nihal, October 31, 2001, and a son, Yonas Ajit, August 12, 2003. TO HOLLY MILLER BANNER '91 and Rich Banner, a daughter, Miranda Jaclyn, February 28, 2003. TO ERIC DAVIS '91, M'01 and BRENDA VOGEL DAVIS '92, a daughter, Brynne Lisa, September 30, 2003. TO KIMBERLY HORD EBERWHIN '91 and Greg Eberwein, a daughter, Emily Nicole, April 15, 2003. TO JEANNE McCLOSKEY MALCOLM '91 and Paul Malcolm, a son, Griffin, April 8, 2003. TO LAURA MATTAS BEACH '92 and Cary Beach, a son, Joshua, February 18, 2003. TO AMYEE RITKO McMONAGLE '92 and Thomas McMonagle, a daughter, Shaine Rose, August 10, 2003. TO BRYAN MUSSER '92 and JoAnn Musser, a son, Zachary Bryan, July 21, 2003. TO ANDY PHILLIPS '92 and CHRISTINE McQUOWN PHILLIPS '92, a daughter, Abigail Grace, November 7, 2003. TO JOSEPH SANNA '92, M'98 and LISA CASSET SANNA '85, a daughter, Marissa Jo, August 25, 2000, and a daughter, Nicole Elisabetta, April 8, 2003. TO DANA LETZTER LUGASSY '93 and Yaniv Lugassy, a son, Ariel, June 24, 2003. TO GABRIELLE PASQUALINI MANGAN '93 and John Mangan, a son, Jordan, August 26, 2003. TO KELLY DANKS ABELS '94 and Jeff Abels, a son, Albert Joseph, September 2, 2003. TO SHELBY

Weddings

1970s

LYNNE STERNER LOVE '70 to Scott Vogt, November 1, 2003. MARSHA DiBONAVENTURO '79 to Philip Brubaker, May 5, 2003.



YOU CAN BANK ON IT:

The CEO, CFO, and other management members of Northwest Savings Bank in Warren at their recent annual management golf outing. Left to right: Ron Manges '92, Craig Mullen '86, William Harvey '88, Deborah Vecillio '78, Ron Andzelik '81, Thomas Stanton '75, and William Wagner '75.

HOLLAND FITZSIMMONS '94 and George FitzSimmons, a son, Reed Holland, October 12, 2001, and a son, Sean Holland, October 17, 2003. To NIKI CONN NILES '94 and Clay Niles, a son, Trevor Conrad, August 28, 2002. To JENNIFER LANZA SILVETTI '94 and Marc Silveti, a daughter, Gianna Sophia, July 17, 2003. To ANGELA TAYLOR WALKER '94 and Art Walker, a son, Brady, December 15, 2002. To VICTORIA DEMARR MCKEON '95 and James McKeon, a daughter, Callianne Claire, July 8, 2003. To MARIANNI DIPAOLO ROBARE '95 and Robert Robare, a daughter, Meagan Regina, July 30, 2003. To JENNIFER BLACKWELL-YALE '95 and Bryan Yale, a daughter, Brianna Marie, August 2, 2002. To ROCHITTE GOLDBERG FLOWERS '96 and Jeff Flowers, a daughter, Samantha, June 10, 1999, and a daughter, Alexandra, September 25, 2003. To ANDREA IACONE GRAHAM '96 and Anthony Graham, a son, Griffin Anthony, April 21, 2003. To JESSICA LANGKAMER QUINONES '96 and Nelson Quinones, a son, Nicolas,

March 11, 2003. To LANCE ZIELINSKI '96 and Becky Zielinski, a son, Peyton, November 21, 2001, and a son, Gabriel, March 21, 2003. To JULIA RUSSELL SARKAR '97 and Avik Sarkar, a daughter, Stephanie, December 21, 2000. To ERIC SAUERS '97 and JANINE SUNDRIAND SAUERS '98, M'00, a son, Sytus Jaimz, August 4, 2003. To JOHN MOORE '98 and TARA LUTFY-MOORE '98, a son, Joshua Allen, March 14, 2003. To TIFANY DOBOS PIKULA '98 and Mick Pikula, a daughter, Madison Riley, August 8, 2003.

Deaths

1920: Mildred Campbell Black. 1923: Sara Gillard Shafer. 1925: Gladys Griffith Wetzel. 1926: Hazel Hochberg Cleland, Dorothy Knox Warner. 1928: Alice Wessely. 1929: Helen Moorhead Stewart, Edna Malcolm Sullinger

1930: Helen Hadden Dunmire, Helen West Marks Fisher. 1936: Julia Malatyak Shandrowsky. 1939: Pauline Grinder Smith

1941: William Adams. 1942: Elizabeth Yurcina. 1943: Naomi Vanderpool DeSio. 1944: Ruth Jones Newman. 1945: Maxine Porter Davis. 1946: John Hrezo. 1947: Mary Jane Ferrier Duncan. 1948: Charles Walters. 1949: Michael Kensek, William Rmeer

1951: Frank Jacklin. 1957: Helen Miesemer Bodinsky. 1958: Sara Strayer Moats

1960: Shirley Catino Martine, Thomas Repine. 1961: Paul Francis Kuntz. 1963: Ralph Cribbs. 1968: Regis Hughes. 1969: Margaret Savatt Hoehle

1970: Joel Heimlich, Barbara Barr Thompson. 1974: John Mitchell. 1979: Doris Bond Trabits

1982: David Schoentag. 1988: Wendy Bishop

2003: Julia Kalp Donovan

Other Deaths

ROGER AXFORD, IUP administrator and professor from 1970 to 1975,

died August 1, 2003.

ELIZABETH DUNN, a secretary at the university from 1970 to 1982, died September 17, 2003.

JAYNE GINHWICZ, a Physics Department faculty member from 1992 until shortly before her death on September 5, 2003.

MERLE KINGSMITH, a faculty member who taught graphics and communications at IUP from 1967 to 1983, died October 13, 2003.

SANDRA LYNN, a faculty member in the Fashion Merchandising program at IUP since 1970, died August 27, 2003.

BERT SMITH, a faculty member in the Political Science Department from 1966 to 1987, died September 6, 2003.

MARY SWARTZ, an elementary teacher at Keith School during the fifties, died May 31, 2003.



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The Wesleys fled their home, taking only what they could carry on foot, and stayed in refugee camps for four months. Peacekeeping forces eventually drove the rebels out of the city, but sporadic fighting continued.

In 1991, Wesley, her husband, and children emigrated to America, settling in Grand Rapids, Mich.

I bent down,
stooping.
Stepped aside.
Crawled
like a crab.
Snailed
into a shell.
I hid, a leech
under a green leaf.
I quit talking
quit breathing
quit laughing.
I waited
for the storm to pass.
(from "The Storm")

Wesley taught at colleges and earned a doctorate in English before coming to IUP last year. She remembers starting to write as a child and becoming a poet at fourteen.

"Poetry became more significant for me during the war," she said. "One time I was writing in a camp while they were bombing, and people would say, 'Oh, this woman! You're writing poetry while they are bombing?'"

Her poetry, and prayer, helped get her through the war years.

"I found it was easier for me to write a poem about a gruesome experience than to write prose about a gruesome experience," she said.

Some of her poems have been collected into two books. *Before the Palm Could Bloom: Poems of Africa* was published in 1998 by New Issues Press of Western Michigan University, and *Becoming Ebony* was published in 2003 by Crab Orchard Review and Southern Illinois University Press.

Often her poetry takes final shape after midnight. "Most of my work is done when everybody is sleeping," she said. "But one thing I encourage my creative writing students to do is to write whenever the idea comes...So I write whenever I have an idea.

"I write in English, but some of them are very traditional, and you can tell that they are written from my Grebo brain."

Both of her published collections contain glossaries. "The books have some words directly from my language, words that are not translatable," she said. "English should have to bear my language, as well as my language bears English."

She cannot choose a favorite among her poems. "Writing is like having five children—and trying to pick a favorite one," she said.

"'Becoming Ebony' is a poem that I love because of its closeness to my memory of my mother—Sometimes I love my poetry that speaks to my tradition, and actually is written out of my ethnicity."

She feels no guilt over leaving her homeland. "If everybody remained in Liberia, it's possible that everybody would be killed," she said. "And then nobody would be there to help the others who will survive. I see myself as one of those people who is set aside to live so that life will go on in the future.

"Having left gave me the opportunity to be in America, where I was safe and could have the opportunity of publishing my books and using my anger and my bitterness, putting my anger and bitterness into poetry, and helping the Liberian people get recognition...I felt blessed that I had the opportunity of existing in both worlds," Wesley said.

"There are Liberians who fled before the war reached the towns, so they do not have a sense of the history of the violence. I and my family stayed until the entire country was overrun. I saw myself as being privileged to have seen the evil that war can bring. I saw my neighbors killed. I saw my neighbors kill neighbors. I saw the worst. And then I saw the best. I saw how people can live together in a tight space with nothing—and still care about each other."

...Today you
looked at me, and said how beautiful I had become
in the war. And when the night came, we fell asleep
listening to the shooting outside. You said you loved me
even though you saw what I did not see. And sitting
in the crowded camp, we held hands tight, waiting,
praying...
laughing at ourselves over
and over, our new eating habits, our new bathing habits,
our new songs, days handed to us in brief interrupted
installments...
(from "For My Husband")

But, Wesley is not obsessed with war. In her poetry she also observes and celebrates the small details of everyday life, in Liberia and America.

"It's going to take twenty to thirty years to reconstruct Liberia," she said. "I see myself going back to live" there, and perhaps leading groups of Christian students to work there.

I know the feeling
after all the flame and the smoke, after a long rainy night,
at dawn, the burnt shells of snails, the charred corpses
of scorpions, the forest fire, now quenched.
Trust me — we will return home someday, trust me.
(from "I Am Acquainted with Waiting")

Randy Wells '84 is a reporter at the
Indiana Gazette.





Mindy Sawtelle
might have won
the NCAA Division
II cross country
championship, if
only she hadn't
run so fast.

Call it a paradox, if you will. Better yet, call it the best performance in IUP history.

Sawtelle earned runner-up honors at the national meet in Cary, N.C., by completing the 6,000-meter course in 20:59.0, a time eclipsed only by Chelsea Smith of BYU-Hawaii (20:33.9). Had she not bolted from the starting line like a frightened gazelle, Sawtelle might have challenged Smith for the title. She finished the first mile in 5:04, well ahead of both the pack and the pace typically set by IUP's men.

Wind

By Bob Fulton

Keith Boyer

“I went out way too fast,” said Sawtelle, a thirty-year-old mother of two who gained All-America honors in her first season of cross country. “I was very excited, very enthusiastic. The adrenaline was flowing, and I went out too hard. I got caught at the mile-and-a-half marker by the girl who won it. I tried to stay with her, but when I got to mile two, my first mile caught up with me. I was pretty tired.”

Sawtelle eventually dropped back to third. She then rallied, calling on some deep reserve of determination to pass Janet Kogo of Harding (Ark.) in the final 200 yards and claim second place.

“Mindy knew she had the girl from Harding beat because she told me she tested her on the next-to-last hill and she [Kogo] didn’t respond,” said IUP coach Ed Fry. “So she waited until the last hill and just sailed by her. At first it looked like she was going to settle for third after the two girls passed her, but Mindy’s a fighter. She fought back.”

Her finish was the highest ever at nationals by an IUP runner, surpassing Elisa Benzoni’s third-place performance in 1987. Sawtelle views her achievement with pride and, at the same time, regret.

“I wish I would’ve gone out slower,” she said. “It would’ve helped me, I think. Everyone says I probably wouldn’t have won it, but I don’t know. If it would’ve been close, I think I could’ve gutted it out more to win.”

Sawtelle’s runner-up effort capped a sensational year of running, although her first race of 2003 was as forgettable as a Pauly Shore movie. Twelve weeks after giving birth to a son, Kylen—Sawtelle and her husband, Scott, also have a nine-year-old daughter, Kirsten—she entered a 3,000 at Susquehanna University’s indoor Orange and Maroon Track and Field Classic, with humbling results. Sawtelle finished sixth in a plodding 11:07.21, more than forty seconds behind the winner.

“I went into it with an I-can-win attitude,” she recalled. “I thought I was in better shape than I was. I went out so fast that I died on the fourth lap. I barely could make it to the finish line. Those were the longest eleven minutes of my life. It felt like an eternity. I’ve run marathons that didn’t seem that long.”

By the time track season ended fifteen weeks later, Sawtelle had regained her pre-pregnancy fitness level. She won Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference titles in the 3,000 and 5,000 and then ran the 10,000 in 35:50.56 at the NCAA Division II meet, good for fourth place and All-America honors.

Cross country season brought additional honors. Sawtelle was named the PSAC Runner of the Year—no surprise in that she clocked a 21:35 at Bloomsburg to win the conference race by fifty seconds and obliterate the course record by 1:44. Sawtelle also won the East Region title at Lock Haven, demolishing both the field and the course record with a time of 21:05.

Even her only defeat prior to nationals was a victory of sorts. Sawtelle placed fifth at the Penn State National Cross Country Meet, the leading performance by a Division II competitor. Spurred by runners from big-time schools, she ran her best 6K ever (20:57.01).

“Two of the girls that beat her, from Providence, finished second and fifth at the Division I meet,” said Fry, “so you knew she was beaten by somebody really good. I wasn’t too worried then about how she’d do at nationals.”

Sawtelle, on the other hand, wasn’t all that confident before the race. Seeded fourth based on qualifying times, she doubted she’d finish that high.

“I thought I was going to be fifth,” Sawtelle said. “That’s what I told myself: If you get fifth, don’t worry about it. Obviously I always go for the win. Everyone does. But I placed

myself fifth. When I got second, I couldn’t believe it.”

The odds against Sawtelle’s earning runner-up honors seemed as long as a Siberian winter once Kogo passed her with 1,200 meters to go.

“I thought, Oh, no, I’m gonna get third. I didn’t want third. I wanted to be second if I wasn’t gonna win it,” Sawtelle said. “There was a guy in the crowd who must have been from IUP. He made eye contact with me. He said, ‘Don’t settle for third.’ That’s what I was doing, I was settling. I knew I had more left to give.”

So Sawtelle shifted into another gear and fairly flew past a startled Kogo, beating her to the finish line by 6.5 seconds. Second was better than third, Sawtelle discovered, but first would’ve been preferable. Fact is, she’s still nagged by the suspicion that her early breakneck pace cost her a national title.

“I’ve got to run a little smarter in the beginning,” Sawtelle said. “I don’t run smart. I always go out fast. I run to win, and however it gets me there I’m going to do it. At nationals I screwed it up—I know that. It should have been a win. I just went out too fast.”

Of course, that’s a problem she hopes to correct at the 2004 meet. Call it a paradox, but Mindy Sawtelle might just finish first next fall—if only she can slow down. 🐢

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the UNINVITED



The conclusion of the 2003 football season was as disgusting to IUP coach Frank Cignetti as the entrées served to Fear Factor contestants.

• **A plateful of squirming worms seemed less revolting than what the NCAA dished up.**

By Bob Fulton

The Indians tied a school record with ten regular-season wins, finished sixth in the final NCAA Division II poll, and claimed a share of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Western Division crown, but they were unaccountably snubbed when the playoff invitations were handed out. The No. 6 team in the nation finished only fifth in its region, a turn of events both mystifying and maddening.

"I never, ever expected that. It was a shock to me," Cignetti said. "What hurts is, I didn't see a dominant team in our region, so we as a staff felt, hey, we can make a run at a championship. And then, boom, we don't get in. That was a bitter pill to swallow."

Especially difficult to digest was the fact that the Indians (10-1) dropped from fourth place to fifth in the East Region rankings following a victory. Their reward for a 27-14 win over Slippery Rock November 8 was a demotion that left players and coaches reeling.

Edinboro (9-2) leapfrogged the Indians into fourth and finished there, effectively squeezing IUP out of the playoff picture. Saginaw (Mich.) Valley State, Bentley (Mass.), and Grand Valley State (Mich.) also received invitations. The Indians were

slighted, despite their impressive credentials.

"I feel it was totally unjust," Cignetti said. "We certainly deserved to be in it. I think we were one of the four best teams in the region. I just don't understand it."

Nor do IUP's seniors. After leading the Indians to a 37-8 record during their four years in the program and twenty wins in the last twenty-one regular-season games, they were poised to cap their careers with a prolonged playoff run. Who could have foreseen IUP spending the postseason on the sidelines?

"We have a group of seniors who are just devastated," Cignetti said. "The under-classmen have another shot, but the seniors don't. I feel bad for that group, because they did an outstanding job here. They really did."

The dark mood that prevailed at the finish of their final season contrasted sharply with the euphoria surrounding the opener. Behind sophomore quarterback Kevin Weidl, the Indians rallied from a thirteen-point deficit to defeat a formidable Nebraska-Omaha team 28-26, Josh Telenko providing the margin of victory with a last-second thirty-one-yard field goal.

"Here we are, breaking in a new quarterback, we have a young secondary, and when we beat them—especially the way we came back in the fourth quarter—I figured we were in pretty good shape, that this was a

playoff-caliber team," Cignetti said. "I thought if we stayed healthy and the ball bounced our way and we had a little luck, we could be real good."

They were nearly perfect, in fact. The only blemish on IUP's record was a 28-20 loss to Edinboro, which battled back from thirteen points down to spoil the Indians' homecoming. And their season, as it turns out.

"I guess the disappointing thing, when you look back on it, is that it came down to one bad quarter of football," Cignetti said. "I can remember when we went up 20-7 in that game feeling very comfortable. We totally had them under control with our defense. Then we had a series of mistakes—a failure to convert a third-and-one, we drop a pass, we throw a couple interceptions. It was just a bad quarter of football."

And it cost the Indians dearly. Not even a 10-1 record was good enough to punch their ticket to the playoffs, where they had hoped to expunge the memory of last year's 62-21 quarterfinal loss to eventual champion Grand Valley State.

"I felt like this team had something to prove after the way things went down at Grand Valley last year," Cignetti said. "But they never got the opportunity. That's the tragedy." 🐛



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Name Droppers

BY BOB FULTON

The battle cry of the IUP tennis players during their fall season could well have been "all for naught," given how they repeatedly blanked the opposition. The Indians fashioned a 23-0 record in doubles play and shut out nine of their eleven foes en route to a 10-1 record. **Yvonne Niederbracht**, a junior from Germany, finished 9-0 in singles competition and 7-0 in doubles with partner **Jackie Kulp**, a senior. "I thought with the kind of players we had we'd do real well," said coach **Tony Medvetz '86**. "We had our No. 1 player back [Niederbracht studied abroad last year] and our No. 2 player, Jackie Kulp, really stepped up." Niederbracht wasn't the only foreign import to make an impact. Juniors **Razia** and **Fatima Hassan**, sisters from Zimbabwe, teamed with freshman **Jessica Brockway** and senior **Carla Goodman**, respectively, to post 7-0 records in doubles. Should the Indians reprise their autumnal success this spring, they might just claim the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference title trophy. "We have a good shot at it," Medvetz said. "Our goal is to bring home the hardware."

Former IUP quarterback and assistant coach **Rich Ingold '86** steered the Quad City Steamwheelers to a 14-2 record, the Midwest Division title, and a playoff berth in his second season as head coach of the arenafootball2 league franchise. The Steamwheelers, based in Davenport, Iowa, won their last fourteen games to tie the Tennessee Valley Vipers for the best record among the twenty-



seven af2 teams.

Quad City doubled its IUP presence by signing **Carmelo Ocasio '03**, an All-America wide receiver for the Indians in 2002. Ocasio caught 165 passes for 2,891 yards and thirty-four touchdowns during his college career, the second-best totals in school history behind **Jai Hill** (1988-91).

Senior forward **Amy Pincock**, who led IUP in goals (15) and ranked tenth nationally in goals per game (0.71), was named a second-team National Field Hockey Coaches Association All-American. Pincock also earned All-PSAC honors, as did senior defender **Becky Frank**, and was chosen to participate in

the NFHCA Division II North/South Senior All-Star game in Amherst, Mass., along with Frank and senior midfielder **Chrissy Hill**. IUP overcame an 0-4 start to finish 11-10 and advance to the PSAC playoffs.

Former IUP guard and assistant coach **Mike Taylor '95** is spending his third season in Europe coaching professional basketball, this time with Ratiopharm Ulm in Ulm, Germany. **Renee Porada '99**, who is completing her master's degree requirements in exercise science, is serving as the team's fitness coach. **Jacquie Negrelli '02** is earning a livelihood some two hundred miles to the south-east, in Bensberg, Germany.

This is her second season as the starting point guard for the regioBerg BasCats. Former IUP teammate **Sarah Zdesar '03** starts at center for the MPC-Celeritudo Tigers in Groningen, the Netherlands.

Scott Phelps '00 works as the manager of information technology for the Pittsburgh Steelers, overseeing telecommunications services within the organization and at Heinz Field. Other team employees with IUP ties are **Ron Wahl '82**, communications coordinator; **Rich Baker '91**, assistant equipment manager; and **Mike Meyer '88**, general sales manager for the Steelers' radio network.

Carmine Cortazzo '70 earned a third consecutive American Volleyball Coaches Association Atlantic Region Division II Coach of the Year award in recognition of his sterling efforts during what should have been a rebuilding season. Despite losing six lettermen to graduation, including three-time PSAC West Player of the Year **Laura Hall '03**, the Indians finished 24-12 and advanced to the regional semifinals. "They really rose to the occasion," Cortazzo said. "You sit down before the season and you think about what you can do and where you can finish in the conference and in the region. We exceeded each of the goals we had." Junior setter **Lacey George**, junior outside hitter **Marcy Stutzman**, and sophomore middle blocker **Brittany Gates** were accorded all-region honors and also made the All-PSAC West squad, with Gates earning a first-team berth. George ranked second in the

conference with 12.27 assists per game, and Gates finished second in blocks per game (1.31).

Twelve IUP football players were named to the All-PSAC West squad, six as first teamers: senior guards **Khiawatha Downey** and **Brandon Hunt**, junior tailback **Mike Jemison**, senior defensive end **Andrew Battle**, junior linebacker **Brad Potts**, and sophomore punter **Brian Burke**. Downey, a transfer from Pitt, was selected to play in the Las Vegas All-American Classic all-star game. Jemison, another transfer from Pitt, ranked seventh nationally in rushing yards per game (145.7), and his total of 1,311 yards was the sixth highest in school history. Second-team picks included senior wide receiver **Derrick Smith**, junior wide receiver **LeRon McCoy**, sophomore quarterback **Kevin Weidl**, junior line-

backer **Neal Wood**, sophomore cornerback **Victor Callahan**, and senior kicker **Josh Telenko**, who finished third on IUP's all-time scoring list (212 points).

Telenko was also selected to the CoSIDA Academic All-America College Division second team.

IUP placed three freshmen on the All-PSAC soccer squad: Defender **Corey Weir** earned first-team honors, and forwards **Erin Falce** and **Crystal Heder** were second-team selections. Falce led the youthful Indians (13-6) in goals (14), assists (7), and points (35). Junior goalkeeper **Sarah Daw** paced the PSAC in goals-against average (0.93).

Scott "Bick" Murphy '81 was cited in a *Sports Illustrated* magazine feature about the renowned South Jersey Lifeguard Championships. Murphy placed third in the doubles row competition with

Max Bilkens. **Bob Ogoreuc '89**, a former All-PSAC swimmer at IUP, served as an official at the championships.

Freshman **Nicole Blaesser** finished fifteenth at the East Region cross country meet, won by teammate **Mindy Sawtelle** (see story in this section), to earn all-region honors. Blaesser was also selected to the All-PSAC team after placing sixth at the conference meet. The Indians finished second to Edinboro in both events.

Justin English directed the IUP women to a 7-0 start, the best by a first-year basketball coach, men's or women's, in school history. Senior forward **Jacqui Martin** was leading the 7-1 Indians in scoring (13.0 points per game) and rebounding (8.0) as *IUP Magazine* went to press. Junior forward **Ayyub Ali** topped the men's team in

scoring (17.7) and rebounding (8.3) at press time. Eighth-year coach **Gary Edwards** had directed the Indians to a 6-1 record.

Chris Fulmer Wright '88, M'90 teamed with Jennifer Hunter to win the 2003 women's open division doubles crown at the U.S. Racquetball Championships in Memphis, Tenn. "We had never played together," said Wright, a speech therapist who resides in Decatur, Ala. "We didn't know what we were getting into. The fact that we played was gutsy enough. That we won was great." Wright won her first national title in 1996, joining her husband, Jim, to claim the mixed A doubles crown. She also won the women's 35-and-over age division doubles title in 2001 with Peggy Stephens. The Wrights share duties as regional coordinating managers for Head/Penn racquet sports. 🏸



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